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EDITORIAL

Congratulations to Shankill Tidy Towns Committee on winning a silver medal in the National Tidy Towns competition. This, following on their recent success in winning Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's Tidy Districts competition, is hugely impressive. Well done to everyone involved. We very much appreciate the amazing amount of work the Tidy Towns team do on behalf of all the residents of Shankill. Not only do they keep our village beautiful but they organize the most interesting historic walks of the area on bank holiday Mondays throughout the year. Well done and thanks again for all your hard work on our behalf.

SHANKILL SUPPORT NETWORK FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED PEOPLE

A support network for separated and divorced people has been set up and is open to persons of any faith denomination, or none.

All are welcome to contact us by texting **087 364 6067** or by emailing us at ***listeningear14@gmail.com***

A supportive, compassionate person in the network will respond and together you can discuss how the network can be of help to you...either through one-to-one contact or by welcoming you into our monthly group meetings which are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month, from 8.00pm to 9.30pm.

All communications will be guaranteed complete confidentiality and everyone will be warmly welcomed.

SHANKILL CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB

The next meeting of the Shankill Classical Music Club is Wednesday 6th November at the Shankill Day Centre. 7.45pm - 10pm. All are welcome

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Bíonn siad ar siúl ó 8.15-9.15 pm gach Máirt. Táille: €6 Bí linn!

Tuilleadh eolais más gá ó: Seán Ó Raghallaigh 087 6900 710; ***seanseosamh@gmail.com***

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Citizens Information

Budget 2020 was announced on Tuesday, 8 October 2019. This document sets out a summary of the main changes. It is an overview and not a complete statement of the measures announced in Budget 2020. Some of the changes announced in the Budget come into effect immediately. Others take effect from the beginning of January 2020 or later in 2020. Many others have to be finalised before coming into effect. Some elements of these measures may change when the legislation required to bring them into effect is enacted. .For a full list of the Budget changes, please see the Department of Finance and Department of Public Expenditure and Reform websites: budget.gov.ie and at gov.ie/budget.

Income tax - There are no changes to the standard or higher rate income tax bands.

The **Home Carer Tax Credit** will increase from €1,500 to €1,600.

The **Earned Income Tax Credit for the self-employed** will increase from €1,350 to €1,500.

Universal Social Charge (USC) - There are no changes to the rates of USC. Medical card holders will continue to pay a reduced rate of USC until the end of December 2020.

Capital Acquisitions Tax - The Group A tax-free threshold, which applies primarily to gifts and inheritances from parents to their children, will be increased from €320,000 to €335,000. This increase applies to gifts or inheritances received on or after the 9 October 2019.

From midnight on 8 October 2019, the **excise duty on a packet of 20 cigarettes will increase by 50 cent** (including VAT) with a pro-rata increase on other tobacco products.

The **carbon tax on fuel will increase by €6** from €20 per tonne to €26 per tonne. The increase will apply to auto fuels from midnight on 8 October 2019 and to solid fuels from 1 May 2020.

There will be no increase in **weekly social welfare payments**. Christmas Bonus of 100% will be paid in December 2019 to people getting a long-term social welfare payment (minimum payment of €20).

The weekly rate for a **qualified child will increase** by €2 from €34 to €36 for children under 12 years of age. It will increase by €3 from €37 to €40 for children aged 12 years and over (from 6 January 2020).

Jobseeker's Allowance - for people **aged 25** will increase to the maximum rate from €157.80 to €203.00 (from January 2020). Jobseeker's Allowance for people aged **under 25** will increase to the maximum rate from €112.70 to €203.00, if they are living independently and getting another State housing support such as Rent Supplement, RAS or HAP (from January 2020).

Supplementary Welfare Allowance - for people aged 25 will increase to the maximum rate from €157.80 to €203.00 (from January 2020). Supplementary Welfare Allowance for people aged under 25 will increase to the maximum rate from €112.70 to €203.00, if living independently and getting another State housing support such as Rent Supplement, RAS or HAP (from January 2020).

One-parent families - The earnings disregard for the **One-Parent Family Payment** and the J**obseeker's Transition Payment** will increase by €15 per week, from €150 to €165 per week (from January 2020).

Working Family Payment income thresholds will increase by €10 per week for families with up to 3 children (from January 2020).
Fuel Allowance will increase by €2 per week from €22.50 to €24.50 (from January 2020).

Living Alone Increase will increase by €5 per week from €9 to €14 (from 6 January 2020).

Carers - The number of hours that a carer can work or study every week outside the home and still get Carer's Benefit or Carer's Allowance will increase from 15 hours to 18.5 hours.
Household Benefits Package - Qualifying criteria for the Household Benefits Package will be broadened for people aged under 70 to allow another adult to live in the home.

The **prescription charge** for medical card holders will be reduced by €0.50. This will bring the charge to €1.50 per item for people under the age of 70 and to €1 per item for people over the age of 70 (from July 2020).

The monthly threshold for the **Drugs Payment Scheme** will be reduced from €124 to €114.

The **medical card** weekly income limit for people over 70 will be increased by €50 for a single person (to €550) and by €150 for a couple (to €1,050) from September 2020.

From September 2020, the Government plans to **extend free GP care** to children under the age of 8 and provide **free dental care** for children under 6.

The **Help to Buy Incentive** for first-time buyers or people building their first home is extended for two years to the end of 2021.
€59 million is provided to deliver up to 12,000 **grants to adapt the homes of older people** and people with a disability.

From September 2020, there will be an **extra 1,600 posts** in schools. 150 of these are new mainstream teaching posts in schools and 400 are additional teaching posts to support children with special needs.

A further 1,000 **Special Needs Assistants (SNAs)** will be recruited, bringing the total number to over 17,000 in 2020.
For those children with Special Educational Needs, there will also be over 1,300 **new special class places.**

A pilot programme to provide **funding for school books** will be delivered in primary schools.

Funding is provided to recruit up to **700 additional trainee Gardaí.**

€200 million is allocated to continue ongoing preparations for Brexit. In the event of the United Kingdom exiting the European Union without a deal (a "no-deal Brexit") the Government plans to provide additional funding as follows:

- €365 million in Social Protection spending related to unemployment
- €45 million to support people to return to employment
- €650 million to support the most affected regions and sectors - agriculture, enterprise and tourism

The €650 million will be provided in a number of stages. The first amount of €220 million will be made available immediately and divided equally between agriculture and enterprise supports. €40 million will be used to support tourism and the use of the remainder will be decided at a later stage. In the event of a no-deal Brexit, €110 million will be provided for agriculture and fisheries. Tourism - Funding of €40 million will be provided. (Source: www.citizensinformation.ie)

(Source: www.citizensinformation.ie and www.dlrcoco.ie)
The Citizens Information HELPLINE is: 0761 07 4000 - OR - Call in to the Citizens Information Centre at Marina House, Clarence Street, Dun Laoghaire at any time between 9.30 am and 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday. No appointment necessary. Clarence Street is the turning to the right at the traffic lights at the junction of Lower Georges Street, Cumberland Street and York Road, Dun Laoghaire. Citizens Information offers a Free, Confidential and Impartial Service to the citizens of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown on a very wide range of useful issues. OR Phone Dun Laoghaire CIC at: 0761 07 7400.

Shankill GAA Club

YOUR COMMUNITY - - - YOUR GAA CLUB

A Cynical Foul or a Cynical Fowl?
Our under 9 hurling team had to use some fancy footwork to avoid the attention of a "Cynical Fowl" during a recent trip to a blitz in Faughs GAA Club, captured in this picture by Liza Mitton. The experience seems to have had an amazing effect on our boys as they turned in brilliant performances in all of their games. Note: No Swans or boys were harmed in this encounter. Well done everyone.

To HELL & BACK
Approximately 90 club members went to the start line in this HELL & BACK endurance test. It was a personal test, you against the elements and to overcome the many obstacles which lay in your path. Personal best time went out the window as people helped each other to the finish. It was a mud bath from start to finish and everybody finished in some "style" all covered in several layers of good Irish mud. Great fun was had by one and all.

Tidy Towns
Congratulations to Shankill Tidy Towns Committee on winning the DLR Tidy Districts award and a Silver Medal in the Tidy Towns competition. What an achievement for this small band of volunteer workers. We are delighted to do our small bit in keeping Stonebridge Road park tidy and protecting the beautiful trees planted in this area.

Juvenile Academy
Every Saturday at 10.00am in Stonebridge Road for boys and girls 4 to 7 years and the cost is only €2 per child each week. No annual subscription and all equipment is provider free of charge.

CHASE the ACE
At the time of going to press the jackpot stands at €1200. Tickets are available in Brady's and the draw takes place in the pub every Sunday night.

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LETTER FROM UGANDA

Readers may remember the "Letter from Uganda" series while we were working in the Western Region of Uganda (2003-2007). A dear friend of ours, who converted her own home in Fort Portal, W. Uganda into a home for orphans with AIDS, has written asking for donations to help her work which includes supporting many orphans in their own villages to access education, obtain work skills, medical and living expenses.

Carol Adams started this work about 20 years ago and it has gone from strength to strength, meeting a great need and changing the lives of many destitute children.

If you would like to consider helping Carol and wish for further information, feel free to contact Kathie at 2823014. I will also be holding a cakes and crafts sale in December to support YES.

Date and venue to be in December issue!
Kathie Davey

MANNA RESCUE HOME NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Manna Rescue Home, a program of YES Uganda, provides holistic care for 30 HIV+ children. This crucial, life-giving program offers security, love, education, healthcare, medicine, nutrition, counseling, emotional and spiritual support, and hope to children who otherwise would face very dire situations.

If we can gain more partners who specifically want to support the 30 HIV+ children of MRH, the ripple effect is widespread! Not only will the crucial needs at MRH be met, but many more vulnerable children will be able to be served through the YES program in general!

MRH is giving children like Gloria and Robert a beautiful future!

Gloria and her little brother Robert lived in a small village in western Uganda, and were born HIV-positive. Because of the injustice of HIV stigma, their mother Margaret had lost hope and started to die as her HIV advanced to AIDS. About a year before her death she took her children, now ages 9 and 4 years, to Manna Rescue Home, which she had heard about from a neighbour as a safe place for children living with HIV to live, receive life-saving medicine and care, and go to school. MRH accepted Gloria and Robert into their program. Margaret died knowing her children would have the medicine needed to live a long, healthy life with proper nutrition and healthcare, and an education for a future she herself was not able to reach. MRH became a family and safe haven for these siblings. Gloria is now in her last year of high school, ready to start at the university next year and Robert is a healthy 13-year-old boy who loves sports and his friends. These are just two examples of the children of Manna, past and present, who depend on MRH. On behalf of the children of Manna Rescue Home, Carol Adams and her many staff members in Uganda, and our US board members,

Webale Muno! (Thank you so much!)

Carol Adams
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A message from Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD

Dear Constituent(s),

Last month saw the publication of Budget 2020. This Budget was about four issues:

- A €1 billion No Deal package to protect Ireland from the worst of No Deal; A further €200 million available in Brexit Expenditure next year;
- Protecting the environment with cleaner air, warmer homes and sustainable businesses;
- Balanced regional development with investment in schools, hospitals, houses, primary care centres, buses, and roads;
- Making life a little bit easier for families.

As Minister in charge of Higher Education, I am delighted that there has been a significant package on the Tertiary Education side amounting to an increase of €153 million. Overall Higher Education spending has increased by 25%, or €370 million, over the past three years. **At €1.88 billion it is the highest ever funding for Higher Education in the history of the State.**

In Higher Education I am championing a number of issues including:

- Student mental health
- Consent
- Tackling substance abuse in Higher Education
- Gender Equality
- Apprenticeships

Student mental health is one of my top priorities as Minister of State for Higher Education. While visiting universities and colleges the length and breadth of the country, and meeting with student representatives, I heard the same story at every meeting; that Student Counselling Services (SCS) are doing a good job but are highly stretched and under-resourced.

Amongst other Higher Education initiatives, Budget 2020 included a commitment to providing €2 million annually to the higher education sector to assist institutions in supporting students with their mental health and wellbeing.

Mental health and psychological services currently provided by SCS in higher education institutions are highly valued by students, but access to these services can be a challenge. This additional funding is to enhance the capacity of SCS, for example by providing funding for the recruitment of additional counsellors, and to reduce waiting time for students by supplementing the funding that institutions already invest in the provision of services to students.

Serious mental health difficulties emerge for young people between the ages of 18-25, with 75% of adults with mental illness first experiencing symptoms before the age of 25. In the academic year 2017/18, upwards of 12,000 students availed of Student Counselling Services in higher education institutions.

Each higher education institution will benefit from this funding, which will enable them to enhance the range of services they are currently offering to their students. All institutions are required to have appropriate student services, which includes counselling services and health promotion.

This funding is vitally important. I am delighted to have secured it for 2020 and a commitment that this will be an annual support. We owe it to our students to ensure there are people to turn to at difficult times, without lengthy waits. The additional counsellors and services provided as a result of this €2 million will make a difference, and quickly.

The Budget also broke new ground on Climate Action, including strong measures to help us meet our climate change obligations. Protecting the environment with cleaner air, warmer homes and sustainable businesses is absolutely imperative in the context of climate change. **From now on every Budget will focus on Climate Action.**

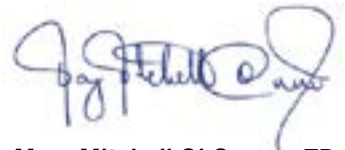
While Brexit represents our most immediate economic risk, climate change is without doubt the defining challenge of our generation. The measures undertaken in this budget will raise €6.5billion for climate action and just transition over the next ten years through modest but meaningful increases in carbon tax.

Budget 2020 will allow us to:

- Increase the fuel allowance by €2 this year;
- Provide free energy upgrades to homes at risk of energy poverty;
- Upgrade social housing;
- Invest in more greenways and urban cycling;
- Install more electric vehicle charging points.

I work hard to represent the people of Shankill and the rest of the constituency. I look forward to working closely with your local Fine Gael Councillors, **Cllr. Jim Gildea and Cllr. Jennifer Carroll MacNeill**, on issues affecting Shankill and the surrounding area.

If I can be of any assistance on any national or local issue, please contact me at mary.mitchelloconnor@oir.ie or call my constituency office on 01-8892199.
Kind regards,



Mary Mitchell O' Connor TD,
Minister of State for Higher Education

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Brendan today with his beloved bike, Brother Aloysius actually gave this bike to Brendan after his old one had been stolen some 12 years ago.

Celebrating 25 years of Volunteering at Saint Joseph's for Brendan Flanagan.

When it comes to dedication to the cause, one can look no further than 'the man on the bike'! Born and bred in Shankill Brendan Flanagan's middle name must be 'volunteer', as he has spent his life giving his spare time to local causes in Shankill. Originally, from Library road, Brendan is the youngest of the four children of Julie and Pat Flanagan. Pat will be remembered as the local Garda Síochána in Shankill and he was the first person titled with 'man on the bike' as he needed it to get around following a paralysing accident. Brendan has been married to Kathleen for 54 years, and they have three grown up children, Sean, Alan and Brenda. They all must be proud of their dad's achievements as an active citizen in the area.

Brendan's day job, started in the army after school at Baldonnell, after leaving the army following 5 years of service, Brendan began a carpentry apprenticeship with his brother in law Gerry Earls. He later brought his skills to benefit Saint John of God Carmona, where he was the head of maintenance in Dunmore House until he retired.
But it is what he did in his 'spare time' that needs to be celebrated and acknowledged by all the community. Back in the early 60s, Bertie Messitt, asked Brendan to start a football activity within the newly formed Shankill Youth Club. This was the beginning of a 32-year involvement running Shankill Youth Club Football Club. Beginning with street leagues the club is well remembered by Shankill locals, children from 6 years old all the way up to senior members were involved. The club framed many people's childhood memories thanks to Brendan's commitment. Unfortunately, a merger with Valeview FC, in the 90s didn't last long and the club was disbanded.

So, what would fill Brendan's time now!

Never one to sit still for long, it was on a walk one day that he wandered into the new building on Crinken Lane. Meeting the then Director of Nursing, Celine Phelan, she explained how they needed someone at the reception of Saint Joseph's to direct and welcome visitors, just for an hour she said. Very soon, Brendan was volunteering every day from 5pm-7pm during the week and then at the weekends from 10am - 4pm. So much for an hour a week!
That was 25 years ago. Although Brendan does not volunteer every day any more, he is as committed to his role as ever. When asked what he enjoys most about his career at Saint Joseph's he says, 'talking to each person coming in and getting to know them and their family, it is a privilege and it also makes you appreciate what you have in life too'. There have been many changes in Saint Joseph's since Brendan started here 25 years ago and he too is extremely proud of the fact that Saint Joseph's is today recognised as a centre of excellence in dementia care provision in this country.

Brendan has made many friends over the years at Saint Joseph's but he speaks most fondly of the late Brother Aloysius Shannon. Brendan says, 'he taught me so much, compassion, hospitality and respect and all through example. He was a humble man who made such a difference to so many people's lives, a living example of charity'. If Brother Aloysius was alive today, he would join us all here at Saint Joseph's in thanking Brendan for his own commitment to providing hospitality and welcome to so many. Brendan, you are a truly valued part of the team here and a wonderful example to many in your belief in giving back, thank you.

Brendan (pictured in back row in overcoat) and the senior Shankill Youth Club FC team

If you would like to volunteer or support our work through fundraising or donations please contact us on saintjosephs@sjog.ie or 01 282 3000.

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Local History Society Lectures

Bray Cualann Historical Society
Dr. Rachel Moss will discuss ***'Fassaroe and related Crosses'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday November 21st in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission €5.

Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society
Rob Goodbody will give a ***'History of Bullock Harbour'*** at 8 p.m. on Wednesday November 20th in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.
All welcome – entrance €3.

Colin Scudds & Seamus O'Connor will present ***'Cash from the Attic: objects of everyday use around the house now forgotten'*** to the Society at 8pm on Wednesday December 4th. All welcome - admission €3.

Foxrock Local History Club
Kevin Cronin will speak on ***'Arctic exploration and the search for Franklin's lost expedition'*** at 8 p.m. on Tuesday November 19th in the Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre,
rere Foxrock R.C. Church, Foxrock, Co. Dublin.
All welcome – admission €5.

Greystones Archaeological & Historical Society
Paul Flynn will speak on ***'A picture of romance: the story of Mabel Young and Paul Henry'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday November 21st in the Holy Rosary Centre adjoining Holy Rosary Church, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.
All welcome – admission charge.

Irish Railway Record Society
Chris Larkin will present ***'Portrush to Tramore & Back by a Devious Route from Graham Hoare's Irish Railway Photos from the mid 1850s to the 1960s'*** at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday November 7th in the Society's Heuston Station, Dublin 8, premises. Members and their guests only. Colin McVea will present ***'NIR – the Good, the Bad and the Ugly'*** at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday November 21st in the Society's Dublin 8 premises. Members and their guests only.

Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society
Don McEntee will recall ***'Growing Up in 1950s Stillorgan'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday November 14th in Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. All welcome – contribution €3.
The Military History Society of Ireland

Professor David Edwards will speak on ***'The military world of Richard Boyle, 1st earl of Cork, 1603-1642'*** to the Military History Society of Ireland in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. on 8th November. All welcome - admission free. Wheelchair accessible.

The Old Dublin Society
Anna Devlin will speak on ***'Dublin and the impact of the Economic War, 1932'*** at 6 p.m. on Wednesday November 13th in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free.

Peadar Curran will recall ***'Mary Mulligan, neighbour to Countess Markievicz'*** at 6 p.m. on Wednesday November 27th in Dublin City Library & Archive, Dublin 2.
All welcome - admission free.

Rathmichael Historical Society
Rob Goodbody will speak about ***'Howth Harbour'*** at 8 p.m. on Wednesday November 6th in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission €5.

Ida Milne will speak on ***'The Great 'Flu Pandemic'*** to the Society at 8pm on Wednesday December 4th - All welcome - admission €5.

Publications

'The Sinking of the SS Dundalk' - a story of loss, survival and the effect on an Irish town' by Marie Agnew and Alan Bogan, published by the White Space Publishing.

The book recalls the sinking of the Dundalk and Newry Steam Packet Co. merchant ship S.S. Dundalk by the German submarine U-90, on October 14th 1918, 30 miles south of the Isle of Man with the loss of 20 lives - 12 survived, while sailing from Liverpool to Dundalk. The loss of life and the effects of the sinking had a devastating effect not only on the survivors and the families of those lost, at a time when Dundalk was being swept by the influenza then sweeping the country.

Overshadowed by the sinking of the RMS Leinster four days earlier, this book recalls the story of that voyage, the crew, and how the town stepped up to help the families left behind.

Published to mark the centenary of this event, it is an excellent book recalling this tragedy, generally overlooked except in Dundalk where this sinking is still remembered in the same manner that the loss of the RMS Leinster is remembered in Dun Laoghaire and Holyhead.

Excellently illustrated with photographs and documents, and with a very clear concise text, this book is only on sale in the Dundalk area but copies can be obtained from Dundalk R.N.L.I. or from the publisher - ***www.thewritespace.ie.***

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Question: "I would like to be in a position to have enough money to put down a deposit on a house in five years. Should I save money with the bank or start a savings plan with an investment provider?"

With 10% of the value of your first house required upfront, buying a new home requires planning. How you put your savings to work depends on how much you're willing to save each month, how much you need it to grow and what your timeframe is. Irish people have traditionally kept money on deposit with their bank. Cash in the bank is considered to be safe from the risk of investment markets and it's comforting to know this money can be accessed when needed. However, deposits pose a challenge when it comes to saving for a milestone event, such as a house purchase. Our money just can't grow fast enough, especially at today's low Interest rates. The second thing to consider is inflation. An alternative to keeping money on deposit is to consider an investment bond or a regular savings plan with a Pension and Investment provider.

The bigger your deposit you manage to accumulate, the lower the interest rate you can expect to pay. For example, take two home buyers. Buyer A borrows less than 50% of the property's value. Buyer B borrows more than 80%. The difference in their interest rate is 0.4%. That might not sound like much but it adds up. Over a 30-year mortgage for €162,000, the difference in repayments could total up to nearly €14,000.
If you choose to invest regularly in a savings plan as an alternative to putting your money on deposit with the bank you will have some decisions to make. Your financial broker can help with this. They will first establish your attitude to risk by discussing your aims, personal circumstances, how long you want to save for and your views on risk. It's the first step to finding investments that are right for you. How your money is invested depends on how much investment risk you are prepared to accept.

There is an increasing range of investment options available to investors in Ireland, largely due to the poor interest rates available on deposits. Once you have established your attitude to risk you can choose the investment that's right for you. For example, if you have a low tolerance for taking any risk with your investment your financial broker may recommend that you invest in a fund that offers added protection against potential losses. It is a requirement under EU law that all funds are categorised by their level of risk. The risk rating scale is usually between 1-7.

In summary, a savings plan may be a good option for you if:

- Your aim is to save regularly for at least five years.
- You want the potential to earn a good return on your savings.
- You want to be able to save as much or as little as you choose.
- You want to be able to access your money at any time.

**Source: Zurich Life claims experience for 2018*

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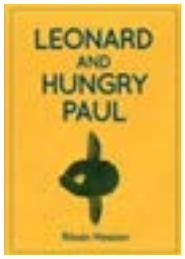
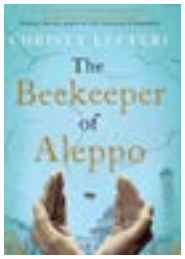
Book Rwviews

By Jackie O'Neill



LEONARD & HUNGRY PAUL
By Ronán Hession (Published by Blue Moose Books)

I absolutely loved this gorgeous, quiet, gentle story about two friends. There is no big drama going on here yet I found the book very difficult to put down. It's a really lovely reflection on family, friendship and love. I experienced an occasional lumpy throat while reading, but equally there were a quite a few laugh out loud moments. Excellent writing and beautifully drawn characters that I will miss spending time with.



THE BEEKEEPER OF ALEPPO
By Christy Lefteri (Published by Zaffre)

Another special book, this one tells the haunting and humbling story of beekeeper Nuri and his artist wife Afra's journey from their home in Syria to England, where they have travelled to seek refuge. Eye opening and informative, this book is a must read for anyone wanting to understand the plight of the refugee. This talented debut author spent time working in a refugee centre in Athens and while we know the characters in the book are fictional, the story feels authentic and sadly, very real.

SOUTH SHANKILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The SSRA **Watch Team** (NW) are looking for new **Street Co-Ordinators.**

If you live in **Aubrey Grove, Foxes Grove, Quinns Road, St Anne's Park or Shrewsbury Road** we are inviting You to join our NW Team. NW is a joint Residents / Garda approach to reducing crime within our Community. Should you like to receive additional information on NW then please make contact with us **TODAY**.

You can contact your NW Team on ***thessra1@gmail.com*** or call us on 087 2580453.

The Neighbourhood Watch wish to alert Senior Citizens that they can acquire a free personal monitored alarm. The alarm can be worn as a pendant or around the wrist like a watch. When pressed it connects wirelessly to a base unit, usually attached to a phone. The base unit sends a call to a 24-hour monitoring centre. Further information can be provided through your local SSRA NW Team or by visiting the Pobal website: ***www.pobal.ie***

South Shankill Residents Association (SSRA) are delighted to see a new electronic speed sign on Quinns Road. After significant engagement with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, a traffic study was carried out on our request. An analysis of the data found that a speed sign was required. This is a great example of the community working with the council and getting a successful outcome.

The International Day of demonstrations for Climate Action on 20th September saw tens of thousands of people, young and old on the streets of towns and villages across Ireland.

Shankill was well represented at the demonstration on the green space outside St. Anne's Resource Centre which is clearly visible from the bus stop and easily accessible to families collecting children from the schools. About a hundred people turned out many of them school children who were in great voice with slogans and songs, (See the big red banned from Scoil Mhuire), between 1.00pm and 2.45pm. Cars, buses and trucks joined in the fun which at times became very noisy.

The regular Friday demonstrations at 1.00 – 2.00pm continue outside the Dail and anyone, young or old, is welcome. The world total was many millions.

The Government continues to insist that for energy security they will sell licences for Gas exploration and production. The logic of this is highly questionable at many levels when they are planning to establish a new interconnector directly to France so we can share power with the European grid.

As the range of electric vehicles increases almost by the month, both range and body styles, the price is set to start dropping quite sharply from next year. With a proper set up the car battery can be used with a smart meter to optimise power use and cost with the house so it seems that our energy market is rising to the challenges and it is up to us to take advantage of the new developments. In the meantime, we need to pressure the Government to take the actions that individuals cannot. These actions will demand change from each and every one of us, some of which will be uncomfortable, such as the carbon tax, or reducing the number of flights we take for either business or pleasure, but for our children's future it is absolutely necessary that we do so in the short term.

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SHANKILL BOWLING CLUB

by Paddy Hughes, PRO

Our Domestic Competitions for 2019 finished on a high note on Friday 11th October with the Club Champion game between the Ladies Champion Liz McElhinney and the Men's Champion Jack Gilmore. Liz proved the better bowler on the day. We say congratulations to Liz on becoming our Champion bowler for 2019. ***WELL DONE LIZ!***

We are very proud to say all our Competitions went very well this year and the results are as follows;

Alex Tighe (pairs): Winners - Les Privett/Henry Gill
Runners up - T. Dillon/J. Callaghan.
Michael Cryan (singles): Winner - John Callaghan.

Bob Jackson (pairs): Winners - Phil Sullivan/Noel Maguire
Runners up – T. Dillon/B. Brady
Two bowl (Rosslare Cup): Winner - B. Sullivan
Runner up - B. Kavanagh.

Mountain View Trophy: winner - Mick Humby,
Runner up - M. Kelly.

Ladies' Champion winner - Liz Mc Elhinney
Runner up - Fiona Bennett

Men's Champion winner - Jack Gilmore; Runner up - Fred Kinch.

Well done all and many thanks for competing. Paddy O'Toole organised well and deserves our full praise indeed.

My goodness, but the annual Christmas Turkey competitions (Ladies and Men), have started – on Wednesdays and Thursdays, so come along and get involved!! Everyone has a chance as it is based on team results.

Our "Open Day" for indoor bowling, The Helicopter Shield Competition, took place on Sunday 13th October and invitations were sent out to all indoor Clubs. Our Ladies' team included: Maura Bannon, Fiona Bennett, Liz Mc Elhinney and Vera McGurn. The Men's team included Albert Tyson, Jim Kelly, Ron Sheppard, Charlie Hurst and Ian McStay. Again, indoor bowls is at 8 pm on Mondays and Thursdays; a grand evening out!

We would like to wish Maura Hughes a speedy recovery from her painful injuries which were the result of a bad fall.

We were all saddened at the passing of Michael Regan and our sincere condolences go to his family on their sad loss R.I.P.

New Members always wanted - it's an activity of light exercise and simple to play. Don't hesitate!

Jack Gilmore

Liz McElhinney

2019 was the 5th year of Shankill Community Games and it saw us participate in an ever-increasing range of events and in larger numbers. As an area we entered in Art, Handwriting, Swimming, Athletics, Cross Country, Long Puck, Ball Throw, Camogie, Gaelic Football, Singing and Music.

Local events were held in March and April which were very successful. Following on from this Shankill had many participants in the Dublin Finals with almost 40 athletes travelling to Santry for the Athletics Finals. The National Finals are held in the wonderful University of Limerick Campus and Shankill can be very proud of the 24 young people from Shankill who were Dublin Champions and represented us in Limerick for either the Art and Handwriting and Talent in May or the athletics and long puck in August. And we came home with 3 All Ireland medals which was fantastic!! However, throughout all the various activities it is the Shankill Community Spirit amongst the young (and not so young) which is wonderful. A massive thank you to all the volunteers who make this possible, the community gardai, St. Anne's Parish, our local schools who help promote the games, local politicians and of course the participants and their parents who come along and make Shankill Community Games the success it is.
All the events available in community games can be viewed on ww.communitygames.ie . If you would be interested in getting involved in any way please email ***shankillcommunitygames@gmail.com***

To celebrate 2019's success we will have tea/coffee and treats in St. Anne's Resource Centre on Sunday 10th Nov 2019 at 11.15am. All welcome.

Shanganagh Ramblers - 2nd stage of Wicklow Way Walk

Climbing Lugnaquilla from the valley of Glenmalure

by Margaret Dromey

On Sunday 15th September Shanganagh Ramblers planned walk was the 2nd stage of the Wicklow Way – Crone Wood to Roundwood -, which this walker believes is the most scenic section of the Way. For the few days beforehand, it looked like the weather would be very sunny which of course always adds to the enjoyment. However, the particular day turned out to be very wet and misty. To add to the disappointment the bus was out of action resulting in us having to travel by car to Crone Wood and rather than walking to Roundwood we walked to Lough Tay and returned by the same route. It had its compensations – the walk was longer and due to cloud formation and mist the views were different on the outward and return journey.

We left the car park in Crone Wood and climbed through the steep woods and on to Ride Rock from where the Powerscourt Waterfall is generally visible. Alas the waterfall was covered in cloud. We soldiered on and eventually descended briefly into the lonely Glensoulan valley. We crossed the River Dargle before climbing to 650m around the east shoulder of Djouce. We stopped for welcome refreshments and chat before ascending towards Djouce, - the scene of an air crash in 1946 where a group of 22 French girl guides were flying to visit the Powerscourt demesne. The Way follows a boardwalk built on top of the blanket bog across White Hill and The Barr. As the trail descended towards Lough Tay the visibility was poor but it appeared from time to time like a curtain opened to reveal the Wicklow Mountains in all their glory. We eventually arrived at the lough, which overlooks Luggala Lodge, which was owned by the Guinness family. It is also the site of the memorial JB Malone, who devised the Wick low Way.

Having spent some time taking in the views we retraced our steps to Crone Wood. The rain fell heavily and the boardwalk was challenging. However, on this occasion we were treated to great views of the Powerscourt Waterfall as the mist had lifted. Despite the inclement weather we had a really enjoyable day. I would highly recommend this walk. It is waymarked so one is unlikely to get lost. It is important to have the appropriate rain gear and ample refreshments though.

For further information on membership contact:
info@shanganaghramblers.com

Core Credit Union DLR Community 5K

The rain didn't dampen spirits at the Core Credit Union DLR Community 5K last Saturday 5th October. Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Sports Partnership and a range of local agencies hosted the 11th year of this event in Kilbogget Park, Ballybrack. This annual event takes place during the Counties 'Festival of Inclusion' and is widely recognised as being all inclusive and bringing together families, friends and the entire community.

Families arrived early and took the chance to take part in our fun activities from 1pm to 2pm with Tug of War, Tag Rugby, Ultimate Frisbee and Calisthenics in the all-weather pitch and playing pitches beside the club houses. At 2pm, An Leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Deirdre Donnelly, set off the starter gun and over 750 participants, walked, jogged, rolled and ran the two laps of Kilbogget Park.

All participants then received an event t-shirt, medal and piece of fruit once across the finish line.

The DLR Community 5K is organised by a range of local agencies and clubs who are delighted to once again have our local Core Credit Union as title sponsor. Funding support is also provided by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the HSE Health Promotion Unit. The Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Volunteer Corp, Community Gardai and Dublin Civil Defence also assisted to ensure a safe and fun event.

Shane Mc Ardle, DLR Sports Partnership Coordinator, commented, 'We weren't blessed with good weather this year but we were delighted with the turnout. So many families braved the elements, showing that this community is fully aware of the fun and benefits of activity and invested in passing this down through the generations.

Congratulations to everyone who took part and thanks to all our volunteers who help make this event such a success year after year!

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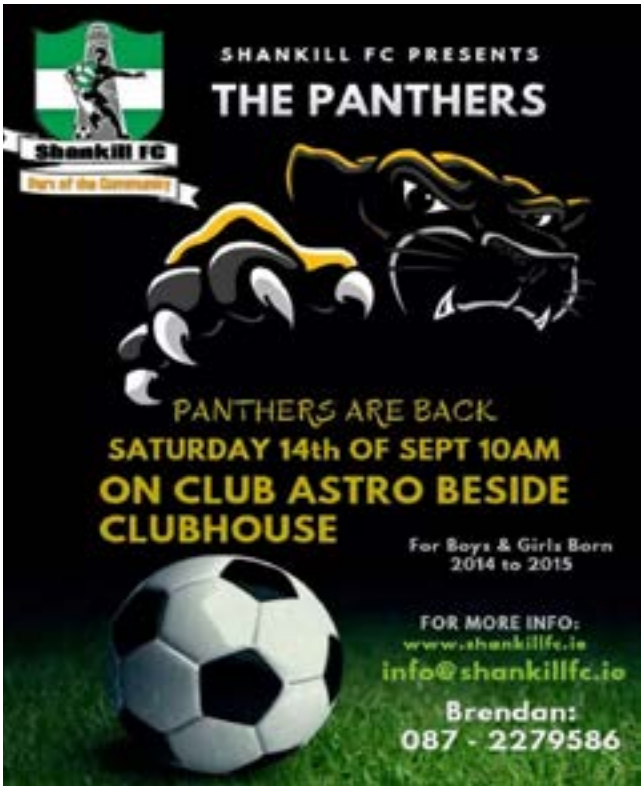

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2019 SHANKILL FC ACADEMY CUP

During August, Shankill FC held our inaugural 'Academy Games' for boys born in 2012 & 2013. We welcomed 9 teams from Dublin and Wicklow to compete on the day. It was a great success with some great football played on a lovely summer's day. Congratulations to Cabinteely FC in winning the Cup who marginally beat Shankill in the final and also congratulations to Ardmore who won the Shield. The competition will be an annual event for the future due to the very positive feedback given and we look forward to welcoming even more teams next year.

U17 Buswells Hotel Shield
Shankill FC
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WELL DONE TO SHANKILL FC U17 TODAY FOR WINNING THE BUSWELLS HOTEL SHIELD AGAINST ESKER CELTIC IN PEAMOUNT

Very well done to our Shankill FC U17 team for a brilliant performance in winning the Buswells Hotel Shield. And very well done to Esker Hills who were worthy opponents.

Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Jim Gildea

SECURITY CAMERAS AT SHANGANAGH CAR PARK
Question: *To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to install security cameras at the car park adjacent to Shanganagh Cemetery?*

Reply: The car park services Shanganagh Cemetery and Park the latter currently forms part of a master plan review. There are no plans currently to install security cameras at the car park adjacent the recycling centre to Shanganagh Cemetery.

Note: I am not happy with the reply as I believe there is a need for cameras at this location due to the number of thefts from cars

ACCESS ROAD TO SHANGANAGH CEMETERY
Motion: *That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to have a footpath installed on the northern side of the access road to Shanganagh Cemetery, and that this work should be carried out as soon as possible and should not wait the adoption or otherwise of the Shanganagh Park Master Plan.*

Report: The current draft Masterplan for Shanganagh Park & Cemetery provides for the existing entrance to be upgraded in line with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets and for formalised car parking on the access into the park and cemetery. This will discourage parking along the entrance road. Given the proposed upgrade works and path networks it is not envisaged that there is a need for an additional path along this entrance road.

SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 2019
Motion: *That this Council requests the Chief Executive to identify community facilities and other publicly owned or operated facilities in the County such as waste water treatment plants, that are suitable for the installation of a solar energy systems for use on site and to report back to this council within three months. The council gave a very lengthy reply to my motion. Due to pressure on space I have edited parts of the reply. The full reply can be found on the council's web site.*

Report: The Council's primary role in supporting renewable energy projects such as solar, hydropower etc electrical generating facilities is by way of the policies and objectives included in the County Development Plan and other plans, strategies and the support of Forum and education type events. Currently DLR through a 3rd party contractor exports 4,882 Mwh of landfill gas back into the grid. On the 14th Nov. 2019, a World Forum will be held in Dublin on the topic of Nearly Zero Energy Buildings, or 'NZEB'. This forum is being supported by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council which is viewed as one of the leading local authorities in Ireland in high performance building. The NZEB standard becomes mandatory in Ireland on 1st November and must be implemented right across the EU by the end of 2020. In relation to council owned buildings, we maintain a register of opportunities for energy improvements including potential for solar panels for council buildings.

The council in recent times has completed LED upgrades and other energy efficiency measures to a number of Community Facilities across dlr. We will undertake a study to assess the feasibility of installing solar panels on a selection of Council owned buildings and will report back on the suitability and viability. Any potential installations identified as a result of this study will be subject to sourcing adequate funding.

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Green School Travel Flag

Woodbrook College is committed to doing its part in helping combat the human contribution to climate change. Inspired by Laudato Si, our community lives the change it wants to see in the world. This year we focussed on how travel to and from school can be explored through the lens of the Green Schools initiative. The aim of this travel theme is to encourage schools to promote sustainable modes of transport to and from school. Green-Schools Travel encourages pupils and parents to walk, cycle, Park 'n' Stride, use public transport or car pool instead of using the private car on the school run.

Some of the initiatives that Woodbrook College students participated this year were:

1. The Walk on Wednesday initiative. This initiative encouraged all students to travel sustainably to school every Wednesday. First year students who participated were entered into a raffle to win a JD Sports gift voucher.

2. Pedal-Cents ran a Travel Sustainably Day in the school in December. All first year students participated in this interactive, energy creating event.

3. Walkability/infrastructure audit was conducted by the Green School Committee. The findings and results were sent to Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

4. A Green notice-board was placed in the school

5. Transition Year students attended the DLRCC Eco Conference

6. School surveys on sustainable travel methods to school were completed and the results displayed on the school website, app and Green Schools noticeboard.

Fun Run

The annual school fun-run is a core part of our identity as an ERST school as we continuously seek to find ways of helping and supporting those in our community who are facing real challenges. We have reached out to cancer research groups, special Olympic organisations, homelessness organisations and more since the inaugural year. It is a huge opportunity for students, parents, teachers and friends to join in our communities' efforts to live out our Christian ethos regardless of our backgrounds and celebrate all that is good about the school. The winners this year were:

Winner:	Luke Kenny
2nd:	Cory Hayes
3rd:	Conor Murphy
Fastest Girl:	Toni Marie Ceno

World Wise Global Schools 2019

World Wise Global Schools (WWGS) was established in 2013. Since then, the programme has worked with 350 schools nationwide, in pursuit of our aim to integrate Global Citizenship Education into all aspects of teaching and learning at post-primary level. This is achieved by providing a comprehensive range of supports and interventions for schools – including grant funding, training, events, resources and personalised support from the WWGS staff team. Here in Woodbrook College, we have put in a huge effort in the area of Global Citizenship and were honoured with a Global Citizens Passport Award this year.

Woodbrook Climate Change

Woodbrook College sent a delegation of students and teachers to represent the school community at the recent climate change protests in solidarity with the global movement prompted by the Swedish teenager Greta Thunberg. Our protest march was held in Bray and sent a message to the local government in North Wicklow to put pressure on Government policy makers to protect the future of humans on our planet.

The Buddy System

Woodbrook College places a huge value on the relationships that our community is built on. We feel it is important to celebrate these relationships and provide opportunities for students to bond in a meaningful way. The Buddies system is a great way of doing this by matching a 5th year mentor with a group of six or seven 1st year buddies to be their guide as well as a person they can trust and go to during their time in school. One of the first bonding activities held this year was our annual Bingo Day and all involved had great fun

VDP Christmas Hamper Appeal

Reaching out to others who need help and to be loved is an all-year round endeavour at our caring community in Woodbrook College but even more so at significant times in the year when struggles can be amplified. Ms Duffin and Ms Coffey worked with a fantastic group of boys and with the contributions of students and parents alike to build an incredibly worth-while collection of hampers to be delivered to needy families over the Christmas period.

Student Council 2019

The Woodbrook College Student Council is a very important decision-making and discussion group in the school. The council is elected for the calendar year and comprises students from each year of the school. The current officers of the council are:

Chairperson:	Conor Pamucku
Secretary:	Patryk Ostapczuk
Deputy Chairperson:	Finn Richardson
Canteen Liaison:	Ben Kelly

Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Carrie Smyth

SHANKILL DART STATION UPDATE

To tackle the intermittent anti-social behavior at Shankill DART Station, Irish Rail have improved lighting, improved CCTV, cut back vegetation and opened the exit onto Glenbrae Lane to improve security and the safety of commuters. I contacted Irish Rail seeking an update on their future works to make the DART Station safer, I was informed of the following by Irish Rail:

Update: The glass fins in the old ticket checking machines have been removed leaving the channel open for customers to tag on/off Leap cards. The old Ticket Office in the station is presently undergoing a refit to transform it into a security monitoring hub for the DART, this will take several months. The corrugated steel siding on the station footbridge is to be changed out in the next few weeks and the steps to platform 1 from the road will be opening shortly."

PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIVITY, SHANGANAGH PARK CAR PARK

Question: *To ask the Chief Executive to improve pedestrian connectivity/access to Shanganagh Recycling Centre from Shanganagh Park Car Park immediately to ensure pedestrian safety?*

Reply: The current draft master plan provides for improved access to the Recycling Centre. We are not aware of any current difficulties in accessing the recycling centre given the proximity of the car parking but will look into the situation on the ground

TRAFFIC CALMING, CORBAWN LANE

Question: *To ask the Chief Executive to install a ramp or alternative traffic calming measure to ensure motorists reduce their speed before approaching the DART bridge on Corbawn Lane as you approach the sea as the footpath is very narrow on the bridge?*

Reply: Corbawn Lane is a cul de sac and traffic on it would mainly comprise residents accessing the housing estates located off Corbawn Lane. The footpath at the bridge is 1.25 to 1.3m wide. Road markings on the road have recently been renewed. There is a solid white centre line on the road at the bridge and extends for 75m each side of the rail bridge. There are also SLOW road markings on the road on both approaches to the bridge. It is not proposed to provide a ramp on the approach to the bridge, however, additional road markings and signage comprising horizontal yellow bar markings on approaches to it and humpback bridge ahead warning signs No W 132 will be provided here".

SHANGANAGH ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

Question: *To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Shanganagh Road Improvement Scheme I?*

Reply: A first phase of improvement works was completed in September 2018, which included the construction of approximately 135 metres of footpath. There may be a possibility of a second phase to provide a further 150 metres of footpath to the south of phase 1, subject to agreement with landowners etc., and this is currently being assessed.

Councillor
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School News in scan

Children having fun with Art

Scoil Mhuire's Orchestra

4th Class are delighted to continue with their Music Generation program with the added excitement of the addition of cellos to their repertoire.

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(learning through play)

Building Works

Miss Kinsella's class enjoying a quiet read in the library!

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Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan

ROAD RE-SURFACING, NEW VALE CRESCENT
Question: *To ask the Chief Executive to consider including funding in the Council's budget for 2020 for the re-surfacing of New Vale Crescent, Shankill?*

Reply: The majority of New Vale Crescent road surface is in acceptable condition. However, some localised repairs will be required to address the minor defects. These repair works will be included in the review at the end of 2019 for possible inclusion in 2020 minor works programme.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY BARRIER -LOWER ROAD, SHANKILL
The Council has now confirmed, that it is proposed to install a pedestrian safety barrier at the end of the pedestrian walkway, leading from Shankill Village where it intersects with Lower Road, in response to my representations. The proposed barrier will be wheelchair and child buggy friendly.

SHANGANAGH PARK HOUSE
Question: *To ask the Chief Executive for a progress report on the proposed new community extension to Shanganagh Park House, Shankill now nearing completion, and a timeline for bringing this new facility into use giving added capacity for local activities?*

Reply: Good progress is being made and the extension of Shanganagh Park House, Shankill is now nearing completion. This project commenced in quarter one of 2019 involves the construction of a single-story extension to Shanganagh Park House community facility in Shankill. This will provide an area primarily for young people and a new lobby, between the proposed youth room and the existing Mary Robinson Room as well as improving accessibility to the existing House.

The Council expects the handover of this new facility by end October 2019. Final checks will be needed, and the Community Team has been liaising with Management and service providers regarding the usage of the new extension, particularly in relation to opportunities to enhance provision of youth activities and programming in the area. It is expected that this will be rolled out from early 2020 once plans are agreed.

DISABLED PARKING BAY OUTSIDE SHANKILL GARDA STATION

Dear Cllr. O'Callaghan

I wish to acknowledge your request for the provision of a disabled parking bay at the above location. This was examined in consultation with the Gardai at a recent meeting where it was proposed that a disabled parking bay would be installed on Dorney Court in the existing indented parking area adjacent to the front entrance door of Shankill Garda Station.

An instruction will shortly issue our contractors to undertake this work.

Labour

Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan

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School News in scan

Rathmichael National School

As part of our Green School programme, where we are working towards a Marine Flag, 5th Class chose to walk down to the beach to clean it. Tidy Towns supported this venture supplying us with blue bags and disposing of the waste. The 5th class analysed the waste collected. They were enthusiastic and cleaned the avenue and laneway on their way down.

Our annual Sponsored Walk took place in October. This is one of our larger fundraisers for the school. As the first one of the year it was well represented by the children and parents. It was great to see so many new parents getting involved. The walk is held up in Carrickgollogan Woods and is very near the lead mines. A huge thank you to the PTA who supplied goodies at each stop and refreshments for all after the walk.

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Shankill Classical Music Club

Movies, Opera and more

The hi-fi gear at the club is modest in scale, but it's goodish, and it did a decent job on the music presented by Frank Murray at the October meeting. But some of it, especially the movies music, would really have loved a big screen multi-speaker treatment (not to mention popcorn for an authentic cinema experience) - Ben Hur, for example. Some of us can remember being brought out from school for a special matinée showing, when this was launched on the world in 1960. But even without the pictures the soundtrack by the Hungarian émigré Miklos Rosza still has the power to excite, and we had a couple of colourful samples.

There were a few other household names among the composers of the other film music selections, Ennio Morricone, for example, but also some lesser-known ones. And there were several concert pieces by composers best known for their film music. One of the more striking was a gentle piece for flute by the Greek Mikos Theorodakis, with a background of strings and a quiet but insistent percussion undercurrent.

Opera featured twice, in both cases from late 19th century Italian "verismo" repertoire: a short extract from Mascagni's Cavalleria Rusticana, and the extraordinary sequence that makes Act 1 of Puccini's La Bohème one of the best-loved scenes in opera, in one of the all-time favourite recordings: Luciano Pavarotti in Rodolfo's aria Che Gelida Manina, Mirella Freni answering as Mimi in Si: Mi Chiamano Mimi, and the rapturous duet O Soave Fanciulla, with Herbert von Karajan conducting, from the early 1970s.

We also had non-vocal pieces by two more Hungarians, both called Franz: Lehár's genre was operetta rather than grand opera, but he also composed a lot of non-operatic music, none more familiar than the Gold and Silver waltz. And Liszt was of course the most famous pianist-composer of his day. But when did you last hear any of his once-ubiquitous Hungarian rhapsodies in a concert? The most popular of all, the second, came up fresh as paint in an un-hackneyed performance by the Argentinian pianist Roberto Szidon.

The piece which provoked most discussion - but steering clear of potentially controversial political topics - was probably the least-obviously "classical": the 1950s era Soviet Red Army Choir in a so-called Ukrainian Poem, with several generations of the Alexandrov dynasty, as composer and conductor, and one of those famous Russian basses as soloist.

The November 2019 meeting will be on the usual first Wednesday evening, the 6th, at the usual time and venue: 7.45 to 10.00 (with tea and biscuits at the interval), at the Shankill Day Care Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. New members and visitors are always welcome, with a cover charge on the night of only two euro.

Put the date in your diary now!

For more details of the club please see our website http://www.shankillclassical.org or ring or text John O'Hagan (087-210 9175).

SHANKILL DAY CARE CENTRE

The Centre depends on fund-raising and grants to run our Activities Programme. Therefore, we were delighted to learn that we have been successful in our HSE Lottery funding application. This means we can plan for ongoing activities such as Well-Dance for All sessions with Dance Theatre of Ireland, much enjoyed by our clients, as is Siel Bleu who devise special exercise programmes for older people tailored to the individual's capacity. We also plan to start a choir for our clients which will be run by well-known musician and singer, Brendan McQuaile.

The Wednesday Afternoon Tea Club has started up again following the Summer break and all those living locally over the age of 60 are welcome to drop in for tea, sandwiches, cakes, fun and chat for just a nominal fee. On one such Wednesday we were fortunate to have been entertained of by John Kelly of the Shankill Resource Centre, who has a beautiful tenor voice and a great repertoire. John can also be heard singing on occasions at the Resource Centre's own tea/coffee morning which takes place on Tuesdays 11am-12pm.

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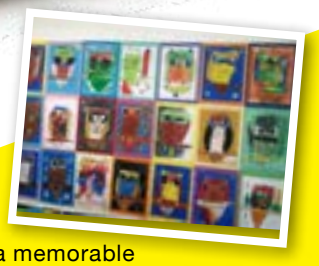

Climate Action Day

On the 27th of September 2019, millions of people took to the streets to protest for Climate Action. It was a memorable day with an estimated 2,000,000 people taking part in 2,400 protests across the globe. There was even a protest right here in Shankill. This protest was put together by SAGE and was held outside the resource centre. There was a great turn out.

For those of you who are wondering what all the fuss is about, in summary, pollution created by humans is all going up into the atmosphere (it is not actually disappearing like this author used to think it did). This is causing the temperature of the planet to warm up, and the ice caps to melt. As the ice is melting, more water is going into the seas and oceans. This is making the water level rise and eventually begin to permanently flood countries. All this pollution is also causing climate change. The climate is basically a fancy name for the temperature and weather. It means that the climate of the Earth is changing; this is what is causing extreme weather such as very cold winters with lots of snow and very hot summers with practically no rainfall and unbearable heat. It is also causing more extreme weather in general, like more severe storms. You may be thinking that snow and hot weather sounds nice, but unless something is done, it will just keep on getting worse and worse until it is completely unbearable, and Earth is no longer inhabitable.

Despite all this, there is still time to save the planet, though time is running short. However, we all must play our part if we're going to stop climate change once and for all. Here are a few simple ideas for how you can help the environment in your daily life:

1. Reuse bags you already have, instead of going out and buying new ones, especially not plastic ones.
2. If you're buying loose pastries or fruit, try to bring your own small and reusable bags or containers instead of buying new ones and then just throwing them away as soon as you get home.
3. Try to get some beeswax food wraps instead of using tin foil and/or cling film. Beeswax food wraps are reusable alternatives to cling film and tin foil, you can buy them usually cut into squares or circles. They are biodegradable, which means when you throw them away (they usually last about a year) they will break down and be of no harm to the environment.
4. If you can, try to get a bamboo toothbrush. Unlike regular plastic toothbrushes, bamboo toothbrushes are biodegradable.
5. When you're shopping try to buy food from Ireland rather than flown in from other countries. Aeroplanes are terrible for the environment because they use massive amounts of fuel.
6. When you're shopping, try to buy food with as little plastic packaging as possible. Also, opt for foods with no palm oil products in them.
7. Try to walk, cycle, skate instead of taking the car. You could also use public transport.
8. Make sure you know what goes in which bin. Put recyclables in the green bin, food waste in the brown bin, and anything left over goes in the black bin.
9. If you can, I recommend a compost bin. You can use a compost bin to help the environment in two ways: you're composting and you get free soil, which you can use to plant whatever you want. Gardening generally helps the environment, as long as you aren't using pesticides or harmful sprays.
10. Save water, don't leave the tap running, try to spend less time in the shower and if you're having a bath, only put in as much water as you need.

These are just a few examples, there are many more ways you can help the environment. You don't need to do all of these things; they are just a few ideas for you if you want to start being eco-friendlier. Just remember, even the littlest of things to help the environment can make a huge impact on the fate of the planet.

Hockey in Saint Anne's

by Shannon Rigby

St Anne's N.S hockey team played a hockey match on the 8th of October. The match took place in Foxrock. We played against Loreto Dalkey. There were three teams altogether. Our first team consisted of a mix of 5th and 6th class, our second were a team of 4th class and our final team were second class. Hockey teams are made up of a goalie, midfielders, defenders and attack.

On the day, all the teams warmed up before the match. They then had to put on their gum shields and shin guards. It was a very cold day. All of our members worked hard and played the best that they could. We worked together as a team! Dalkey also played really well!

I played in the 4th class match. It was really exciting because it was the first match of the season. Most of my friends were also new to playing hockey. One of my friends who played last year said that 4th class hockey is a step up from 3rd class and a little harder. We worked really hard and kept trying to score. Unfortunately we didn't win but we were still all really happy. We believe that there is always a next time. If you are a Saint Anne's student then I encourage you to please join the hockey team!

St Anne's N.S. Enrolment Applications
(for Junior Infants Starting in 2020)
We will be accepting applications for Junior Infants between the 4th of November 2019 and the 25th of November 2019 Incl. During this time parents/guardians are invited to call to the school during school hours to complete an enrolment application.
Existing applications for enrolment (incoming Junior Infants) received by school prior to December 31st 2016 will remain valid.
School

Shankill win Silver Medal

10 medals in a row 2010-2019

Shankill Tidy Towns compete in two separate competition every year:

- SuperValu Tidy Towns - the national competition.
- DLR Tidy Districts, in which we were the overall winners.

The results of this year's SuperValu Tidy Towns competition have been announced with Shankill awarded a silver medal, increasing our points to 326 from 317 last year.

In the Tidy Towns competition, all 900+ entries are sub-divided into six categories by population. Shankill is in Category F, a large town with a population between 10,001 and 15,000. Each entry is evaluated under eight separate headings, each with a maximum number of points and a maximum grand total of 470. This year's overall winner, Glaslough, Co, Monaghan, secured 346 points, while we in Shankill achieved 326 and a silver medal.

Last year, we won a bronze medal, with silver in the two previous years. In order to achieve a gold medal, Shankill, in Category F, would have needed to secure at least 331 points this year.

Our neighbours, Dalkey obtained 336 points (Category E: Large Town 5,001-10,000) and a gold medal while Cabinteely got 331 and a silver medal (Category D: Small Town 2,501 to 5,000).

Shankill Tidy Towns covers a large area as it considers the area to be a single community. This puts us in a higher population category than our neighbours but with more work to do. If we are to achieve a gold medal, not to mention anything higher, it will require a greater level of participation by all our community.

We have done very well but, together, we can do even better.

SuperValu TidyTowns
Caring for our environment

Shankill Tidy Towns Performance 2007-2018

Year	National Winner		Shankill		% of Winner
	Town/Village	Score	Score	Medal	
2007	Aughrim	299	263	-	88.0%
2008	Westport	303	267	-	88.1%
2009	Emly	305	273	-	89.5%
2010	Tallanstown	308	285	Bronze	92.5%
2011	Killarney	310	287	Bronze	92.6%
2012	Abbeyshrule	312	290	Bronze	92.9%
2013	Moynalty	316	**296**	**Silver**	**93.7%**
2014	Kilkenny	321	298	Bronze	92.8%
2015	Letterkenny	323	302	Bronze	93.5%
2016	Skerries	327	**309**	**Silver**	**94.5%**
2017	Birdhill	332	**312**	**Silver**	**94.0%**
2018	Listowel	339	317	Bronze	93.5%
2019	Glaslough	346	**326**	**Silver**	**94.2%**

In Shankill's Category, it would appear that about 92% of the winner's score is required to win a bronze medal, while 94% should be enough for silver and 96% is required for gold. This year, the winning score increased by 7 points, compared with Shankill's rise of 9, putting us back in Silver, but a further 6 points would have won a gold medal.

No Tidy Towns Calendar 2020

Unfortunately, Shankill Tidy Towns will not be issuing a calendar this year, due to an ongoing shortage of volunteers.

Similarly, we have decided to defer our Table Quiz until Next Spring.

Shankill Tidy Towns - Overall Score 2014-2020

Category	Max	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Community - Planning & Involvement	60	**45**	44	43	44	42	41
Streetscape & Public Places	60	**39**	38	38	38	38	37
Green Spaces & Landscaping	60	**46**	45	44	44	41	41
Nature & Biodiversity	50	**39**	37	37	36	36	36
Sustainability - Doing more with less	50	**18**	17	17	17	16	15
Tidiness & Litter Control	90	**59**	58	57	56	55	54
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	**37**	36	35	34	34	34
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	**43**	42	41	40	40	40
TOTAL	**470**	**326**	**317**	**312**	**309**	**302**	**298**

SHANKILL TENNIS CLUB

By PRO Susan McGing

Club Championships

Now that the Shankill Club Championships have finished, the dust has settled and normality has resumed around the club. The club championships ran smoothly from the 12th to the 27th of September! Mother nature looked on us kindly for the most part, and there were great crowds down regardless of the weather! We had a wide array of events, with a huge number of members taking part. It was a very successful tournament, we are looking forward to next year's tournament already!

Senior League

Congratulations to all our senior league teams on a valiant campaign. Hard luck to both our class 4 ladies' teams who lost out on playoffs by one point, and to our class 6 ladies' team who finished joint 2nd on the table but didn't go through! We are so proud of all our players. Hats off to both our class 3 men's and ladies' teams who are set for playoffs, you'll have to check the next issue to see how that turned out!

Floodlit League

We would like to wish the best of luck to all our members competing in Floodlit League! Floodlit League is summed up by late matches in bad weather, so we really appreciate the dedication of our members to get out on court hail rain or shine and represent the club!

Ladies morning in scan

It is that time of year again, it's time for Ladies' Morning to return! Ladies' Morning is every Saturday from 9 to 11am, it is open to members and non-members alike, of all standards! Whether you're looking for new people to play with or just for some social tennis, Ladies' Morning is perfect! Do not worry if you have not played in the club before, it is just €3 to try it out for non-members!

Shankill & Ballybrack Community First Responders

Registered Charity Number: 20200526

As a group, we are often asked what is involved in being a responder and what you need to do to become a volunteer.

What's involved in the role of a Community First Responder?

Community First Responders provide "on call' cover within the local community, based on volunteer availability. While on-call, they will be equipped with a dedicated duty phone and a Kit bag containing an AED. When a person becomes ill and an emergency call (999 or 112) is made, the National Ambulance Service Control Centre sends the details to the Responder duty phone (there are four main types of call that Community First Responders are dispatched to: Cardiac Arrest, Choking, Chest Pain and Stroke). The on-call Responder will then make their way to that person and provide aid while the ambulance is on route.

What are the requirements in becoming a Community First Responder?

Absolutely no previous experience or training is required for this role as full CFR training will be provided free of charge to volunteers. You will be required to attend monthly training sessions, as well as pass an assessment set at the nationally accepted standards which are dictated by the Pre-hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC).

Volunteers must be in good health and physically able to perform CPR without aggravating previous injuries or causing a new injury to themselves. They should also have confidence in their own abilities and must be able to work well as part of a team. While volunteering is rewarding, volunteers may find some situations difficult and stressful which may have an effect on their health and wellbeing.

In addition to responding, volunteers would be expected to become involved in assisting with fundraising and promoting the group.

If you are a driving responder and wish to drive, you will require a full driver's license and access to a vehicle when you are on-call as you will need to attend to emergencies quickly and at short notice. You will also need a letter from your insurance company stating that they have been advised of your intention to use the car for responding to emergencies. However, if you do not have a car, you may still respond on foot to your local neighbours or buddy-up with a driving responder.

Benefits for you

You will take part in a continuous learning process which involves learning new skills such as those required to save a life. You will be part of a team led group and be able to assist members in your community who are in urgent need of assistance.

If you are interested in becoming a member, or would like to find out more about responding, please contact us by email at shankillcfr@gmail.com, and watch out for upcoming events and news by visiting us on Facebook @shankillcfr. Shankill & Ballybrack CFR will have a stand at Shankill's Christmas in the Village on Sunday 24th November. We will be doing demos of CPR and how to use an AED and you can practice CPR on our manikins, so be sure to come down and visit us.

Note from Maria Bailey, TD

OUR RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

The real challenge for Ireland lies in the fact that it is one of the most fossil-fuel dependent countries in Europe. The Climate Action Plan is a roadmap to deal with this and to make the necessary changes. It aims to bring us from 30% renewable sources of electricity such as wind turbines, solar panels and tidal energy today to 70% by 2030. That said, we will still need fossil fuels such as gas and oil to generate 30% of electricity, when there is no renewable source available.

The changes you will be part of include transitioning from cars run on fossil fuels to the option of electric cars or sustainable public transport, ending coal and peat burning in our power station, and retrofitting older homes in order to make them low-energy consumption dwellings.

We are already experiencing the effects of climate change through severe weather events such as Storm Emma and in recent weeks Storm Lorenzo, as an island nation coastal erosion effects all parts of the country.

In June, Minister Richard Bruton TD launched the Governments Climate Action Plan which sets out in detail how we will achieve our ambitions to reduce emissions and protect our planet.

This government also made sure cross-party support was achieved for the changes we must make. My colleague Deputy Hildegarde Naughton chaired the Special Oireachtas Committee on Climate Action which examined the third report of the Citizens Assembly. The Committee met over several months and produced a report rooted in consensus. The role of this committee cannot and should not be understated. For Ireland to successfully tackle climate change politicians and society must work together, we must implement policy that has broad political and civil support, in essence we must all embark on this next chapter together.

For every one of us there are new challenges but also opportunities to think about: Thinking about our own choices and how our community can contribute and support the development of Renewable sources of energy and biodiversity.

As many younger people remind us – the longer we postpone change the harder it will be, and the fewer the opportunities for future generations. When we achieve the change, Ireland will have cleaner air, warmer homes, sustainable jobs and enterprises, and be in tune with our environment.

Our approach is to be realistic and to make the correct decisions while supporting new research, embracing evolving technology and ensuring that it will be brought to bear on any decisions we make. Real change comes with real challenges that will take time and clear communication; this is about careful planning that will make substantial change in a realistic timeframe.

The Climate Action Plan is available at **www.dccae.gov.ie** and I would welcome any ideas or feedback you may have.

Maria Bailey is a Fine Gael TD for the Dún Laoghaire Constituency.

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PLANNING NOTICES

We are aware that some of the notices about planning applications and decisions are out of date by the time you receive your SCAN but we feel that our readers wish to know what is going on in their area. We would like to remind you to keep a look out for new planning notices and, if you feel that they could be of interest to you, go to the Planning Office in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall, Marine Road and request to see the plans.

D19A/0712 Seeking Retention & Permission Date: 25-Sep-2019
The Trustees and Select Vestry of St James, St James' Church Crinken, Shankill, Co. Dublin (A Protected Structure)
Retention permission for a single storey store to the rear of the Hall with Heat-Pump units over; Planning Permission for construction of a single storey extension to the recent hall extension, the demolition of the single storey lobby to the original hall and construction of a single storey extension to the rear and side of the original hall, all to the rear of the church and ancillary works.

D19A/0721 Seeking Permission Date: 27-Sep-2019
Aultagh Construction Ltd., Iona ('Abigail House'), Commons Road, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin
Permission for development at this site of 0.14161 hectares. The proposed development will comprise the construction of 3 no. 3-bedroom residential units over 2-storeys and undercroft with a combined gross floor area of 383.50 sq.m. as follows; i. House No. 1 with a gross floor area of 131.70 sq.m. and private amenity space of 98.7 sq.m, ii. House No. 2 with a gross floor area of 122.70 sq.m. and private amenity space of 79.3 sq.m. iii. House No. 3 with a gross floor area of 129.10 sq.m. and private amenity space of 95.3 sq.m; iv. 6 no. car parking spaces; v. Roof mounted solar photovoltaic panels (combined 54.5 sq.m) and green roof (combined 175 sq.m), vi. Drainage including attenuation and sustainable drainage systems (SuDS), landscaping and all ancillary site development works including regrading of the existing levels of the driveway and hard surface area to the north of the proposed residential units, vii. Rationalisation of the existing 2 no. entrances on the site's front (north) boundary with Commons Road to 1 no. entrance only, by decommissioning the existing entrance at the west end of the site's front boundary and retaining the existing entrance at the eastern end of the site's front boundary. Reinstatement of entrance pillar to match the existing pillar at the 'eastern entrance'. Demolition of the 2-no. separate existing structures (fire damaged building and outbuilding) is required to facilitate the proposed development and that work will be carried out under Reg. Ref. D17A/0464. The proposed 3 no. residential units will be constructed within the footprint of the outbuilding only.

D19B/0436 Seeking Permission Date: 30-Sep-2019
D19B/0436 Declare Application Invalid Date: 01-Oct-2019
Michael & Pearl Barnes, 5 Library Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission to demolish existing substandard rear extension and construct new dormer style extension to the rear of the property, alter internal layout of existing dwelling and all associated works.

PLANNING DECISIONS

D19A/0564 REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Date: 24-Sep-2019
Stefanie and Ben Murphy, Stella Maris, Commons Road, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin
Permission for new, 4-bedroom 2 storey, part flat roof part pitched roof detached house.

D19A/0566 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 26-Sep-2019
Eaton Brae Homes Ltd., Eaton Brae House (Protected structure), Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for proposed alterations to previously granted permission under planning register referenceD10A/0335 & PL06D.238722. The alterations include sub-division of existing dwelling; comprising revisions to basement level to provide for 1 x 1bed apartment unit & 1 x 2bed apartment unit (in lieu of 1 x 2bed apartment previously approved), and revisions to ground and first floor level to provide for 1 x 2bed apartment at ground floor level and1 x 3bed apartment on ground/first floor level (in lieu of 3bed dwelling over both levels previously approved). Alterations include installation of modern stud wall, relocation/alterations to existing openings internally, formation of a new access doorway at existing window opening in side elevation of house and creation of elevated walkway at ground floor level to same, remodelling works of existing main access staircase of dwelling, and fire prevention upgrade works and is to include all associated minor elevational changes, site development and landscaping works.

D19B/0364 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 25-Sep-2019
Mr. & Mrs. Roy & Sally Scott, 66 Dorney Court, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for the installation of 2 X high level windows at the South (side) elevation at Ground floor level, a proposed Shower Room at Ground floor level & all associated requisite ancillary works.

D19B/0367 GRANT PERMISSION FOR RETENTION
Date: 25-Sep-2019
Grace O'Brien, 15, Corbawn Avenue, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Retention of previously converted attic space with windows front and back and a dormer type flat roof and Velux window to sides of existing dwelling house.

D19B/0374 REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Date: 27-Sep-2019
Julie Ann and Robert Mulhall, Elgan House, 7 Woodbrook Downs, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for internal alterations and room re-configuration to existing house, including a new corner window at the west corner, and new patio door to the east elevation at ground floor level. New external insulation to be applied to the South, West and east elevations. The construction of a 24 square metre single storey extension with pitched roof to the front. The existing brick outer leaf to the front elevation will be replaced with new brick work similar to existing.

NO APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA

NO APPEAL DECISIONS OF AN BORD PLEANÁLA

MARIA BAILEY TD

Monthly Clinic on the First Saturday of every month, noon to 1pm
2nd November 2019
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